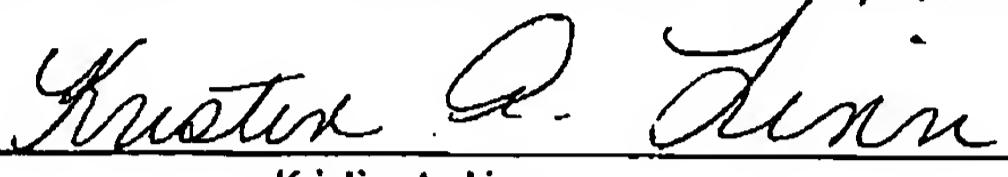


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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 24, 2004.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1 - 16; and Group (II), Claims 17 - 20.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1 - 16 for prosecution in this application. The Applicant retains its rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121.

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